

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. NG-0012
of the Public Alliance for)
Community Energy (ACE), Lincoln,)
seeking authority for a) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER
Competitive Natural Gas Provider) AND NOTICE OF HEARING
Certificate in the state of)
Nebraska.) Entered: December 3, 2003

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On September 18, 2003, an application was filed by Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE), Lincoln, seeking authority for a Competitive Natural Gas Provider Certificate in the state of Nebraska seeking pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 66-1848 through 66-1849 (2003 Supp.). Petitions for Intervention were timely filed by Douglas J. Law on behalf of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila) and Stacia Norder on behalf of Cornerstone Energy, Inc. (Cornerstone).

In order to process the application, a planning conference was held in this matter on November 21, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and via telephone conference with. The following persons were present at the conference:

For Alliance for Community Energy:	For Cornerstone Energy, Inc.:
Jim Overcash	Max Burbach
Bruce Smith	Bret Feller
Chris Dibbern	Bill Rickabaugh
	Ken Graber
For Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks:	For the Commission:
Doug Law	Laura Demman
	Commissioner Jerry Vap

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for proceeding in this docket.

Deadline	Event
December 5, 2003	All written discovery served. No further written discovery between the parties shall take place after this date.
December 19, 2003	Responses to discovery requests due.
December 30, 2003	Any stipulations and exhibits must be exchanged by the parties and filed with the Commission. All pre-filed testimony must be filed with the Commission. Any requests for subpoenas shall be filed in writing with the Commission. No requests for subpoenas will be accepted after this date.

Finally, the hearing in Application No. NG-0012 will be held on January 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room/Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

A hearing fee as set by the Commission will be charged to the applicant payable upon billing from the Executive Director of the Public Service Commission (Neb. Rev. Stat. §75-128, Cum. Supp. 2003).

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

Any remaining pre-hearing issues that the parties would like to address should be brought before the Commission prior to hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that the foregoing schedule for submission and service of the items discussed above is hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing in Application No. NG-0012 will be held on January 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room/Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of December, 2003.

BY:

HEARING OFFICER